

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 4 and 16 have currently been amended. Claims 1-11, 14-16 and 28-37 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 4 and 16 have been amended to clarify that coagulated material is removed from the extract by centrifugation. Support for the amendment made to claims 4 and 16 is provided at page 16, line 11 of the description.

It is submitted that these amendments do not constitute new matter, and their entry is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 4-10, 16, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being unclear as to the method used for removing the coagulated material. Applicant has addressed the Examiner's rejection by amending claims 4 and 16 to specify that coagulated material is removed from the extract by centrifugation.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are clear and definite. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present claims satisfy the provisions of the patent statutes and are patentable over the cited prior art.

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Reconsideration of the application and early notice of allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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